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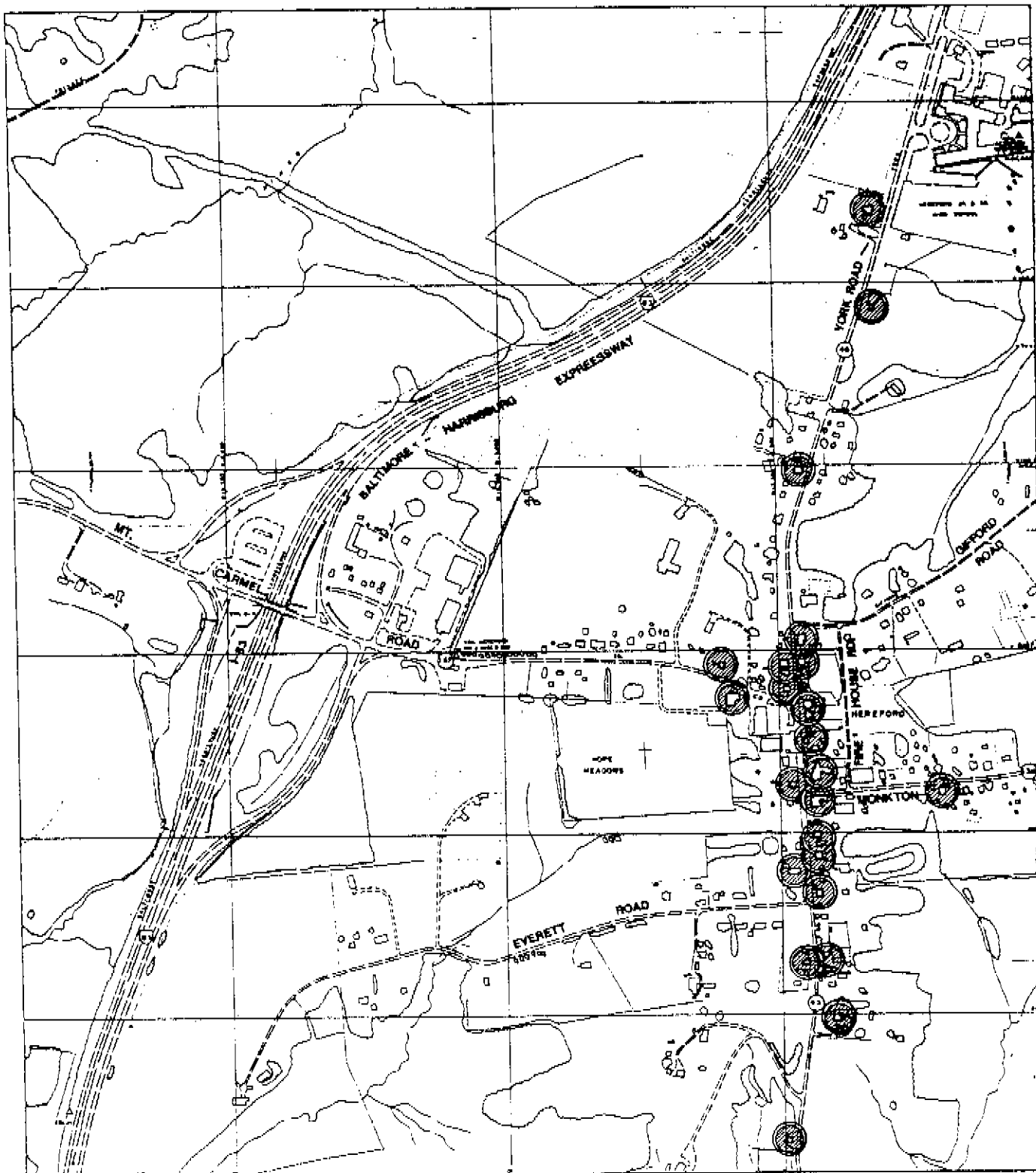
The earliest documented development in Hereford was associated with the lands of John Merryman. The early structures, such as Foster's Meeting House, built in 1797, are outside the existing Hereford commercial area in the vicinity of Marble Hill and Piney Hill Road. The old route of the "Middle Road" to York, Pennsylvania was along Piney Hill Road rather than the present route.

North of Hereford there was only a trail to Southern Pennsylvania as the heavy wagon trail turned west to Middletown Road to avoid the Gunpowder River valley and stream crossing (Clemens and Clemens, 1983).

The construction of the York Turnpike in 1810 created the town of Hereford as we now know it. An 1850 map documents the existence of the rural village of Hereford. The services available to the turnpike travelers and local residents alike included lodge halls, churches, post office, blacksmith, inns, butcher, undertaker, dentist, barber and for a brief time a newspaper (Clemens and Clemens, 1983).

Many of the buildings in Hereford were constructed between 1840 and 1930. A survey by the Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning in 1980 found much of the town was essentially intact in its old core. This is no longer the case. As indicated previously, construction of new commercial buildings and the demolition of several older buildings has changed the old core.

The issue of historic preservation is a very sensitive one. The local Community Association must be involved in making this determination. Therefore, any consideration of individual historic listing or district listing is at the discretion of the property owners in accordance with Baltimore County Code 22-150 and other applicable criteria.



LEGEND



Pre 1900 Structures

BUILDINGS OF LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

HEREFORD COMMUNITY PLAN

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The guidelines for preservation of individual buildings were developed by the Committee. Buildings of local significance were determined to be those constructed prior to 1900. These are shown on Map 8.

ACTIONS

- 1) Proposed development that requires a special exception as indicated in BCZR 259.3.B. on sites containing a building of local significance must consider the reuse of that building or incorporation of the structure into the proposed project, except:
 - A) when the building is not structurally sound,
 - B) when it is not economically feasible to utilize the structure for the proposed commercial intent, or
 - C) when the structure is not conducive for public service use.The decision to grant the special exception will be made by the Zoning Commissioner as part of the special hearing process.
- 2) Appendix B provides design guidelines for the appropriate restoration of buildings in the C.R. District.